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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Remark dated on 03/07/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 36,37,39,41,42,44-64 and 80.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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Attachment(s)

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 06/02/2008
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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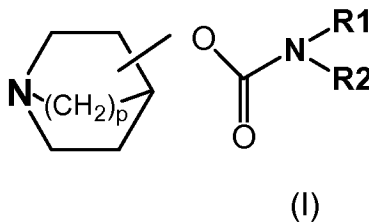
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Carlos M. Tellez on June 04, 2008.

REPLACE, current claims dated on 03/07/2008 with the claims
"1-35. (Canceled).

36. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I)



wherein

- R1 represents a group chosen from phenyl, 2-furyl, 3-furyl, 2-thienyl, 3-thienyl, benzyl, furan-2-ylmethyl, furan-3-ylmethyl, thiophen-2-ylmethyl, and thiophen-3-ylmethyl;

- R2 represents a group chosen from optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkenyl, optionally substituted lower alkynyl, saturated or unsaturated cycloalkyl, saturated or unsaturated cycloalkylmethyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, furan-2-ylmethyl, furan-3-ylmethyl, thiophen-2-ylmethyl,

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thiophen-3-ylmethyl, pyridyl, and pyridylmethyl; wherein the carbocyclic moieties in the cycloalkyl, cycloalkylmethyl, phenyl, benzyl or phenethyl groups are optionally bridged or fused to another saturated, unsaturated or aromatic carbocyclic moiety or to a cyclic moiety comprising carbon atoms and 1 or 2 oxygen atoms;

wherein the cyclic groups present in R1 and R2 are optionally substituted by one, two or three, which may be identical or different, substituents chosen from halogen; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl; hydroxy; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkoxy; -SH; straight or branched optionally substituted lower alkylthio; nitro; cyano; -NR'R"; -CO₂R'; -C(O)-NR'R"; -N(R''')C(O)-R'; and -N(R''')-C(O)NR'R"; wherein R', R" and R''', which may be identical or different, are each independently chosen from a hydrogen atom, and a straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl group, or R' and R" together with the atom to which they are attached form a cyclic group; and

- p is 1 or 2 and the carbamate group is attached at positions 2, 3 or 4 of the azabicyclic ring;

wherein when the cyclic group present in R1 is unsubstituted or has only one substituent, R2 has at least one substituent;

wherein when

- p is 2;
- the carbamate group is attached at position 3 of the azabicyclic ring; and

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- R1 is a phenyl group, which is optionally substituted with one or two, identical or different, substituents chosen from chlorine, fluorine, bromine, methyl, hydroxy and cyano;

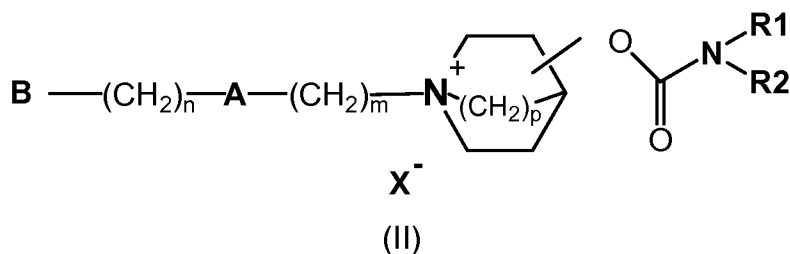
then R2 cannot be one of: unsubstituted cyclopropylmethyl; unsubstituted cyclobutylmethyl; unsubstituted cyclopentylmethyl; cyclohexylmethyl optionally substituted with a methyl or an isopropenyl group; unsubstituted cyclohexenyl; unsubstituted norbornenyl; unsubstituted bicyclo[2,2,1]heptanyl; unsubstituted benzo[1,3]dioxolyl; unsubstituted 2,3-dihydrobenzo[1,4]dioxinyl; unsubstituted benzyl; a benzyl group which is substituted with one or two, identical or different, substituents chosen from fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methoxy, methyl, trifluoromethyl, ethyl, tertbutyl, hydroxy, hydroxymethyl, cyano, aminocarbonyl, trifluoromethoxy, benzyloxy, and isopropoxy; or a benzyl group which is substituted with three fluorine atoms;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a stereoisomer thereof with the proviso that the compound of formula (I) is not one of

- Diphenylcarbamic acid 1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester,
- Ethylphenylcarbamic acid 1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester,
- Quinuclidin-3-yl benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl(phenyl)carbamate, or
- Quinuclidin-3-yl (2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-6-yl)methyl(m-tolyl)carbamate.

37. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (II)

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wherein

- R1 represents a group chosen from phenyl, 2-furyl, 3-furyl, 2-thienyl, 3-thienyl, benzyl, furan-2-ylmethyl, furan-3-ylmethyl, thiophen-2-ylmethyl, and thiophen-3-ylmethyl;

- R2 represents a group chosen from optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkenyl, optionally substituted lower alkynyl, saturated or unsaturated cycloalkyl, saturated or unsaturated cycloalkylmethyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, furan-2-ylmethyl, furan-3-ylmethyl, thiophen-2-ylmethyl, thiophen-3-ylmethyl, pyridyl, and pyridylmethyl; wherein the carbocyclic moieties in the cycloalkyl, cycloalkylmethyl, phenyl, benzyl or phenethyl groups are optionally bridged or fused to another saturated, unsaturated or aromatic carbocyclic moiety or to a cyclic moiety comprising carbon atoms and 1 or 2 oxygen atoms;

wherein the cyclic groups present in R1 and R2 are optionally substituted by one, two or three, which may be identical or different, substituents chosen from halogen; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl; hydroxy; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkoxy; -SH; straight or branched optionally substituted lower alkylthio; nitro; cyano; -NR'R'', -CO₂R', -C(O)-NR'R'',

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-N(R''')C(O)-R', and -N(R''')-C(O)NR'R'' groups, wherein R', R'' and R''', which may be identical or different, are each independently chosen from a hydrogen atom and a straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl group, or R' and R'' together with the atom to which they are attached form a cyclic group;

- p is 1 or 2 and the carbamate group is attached at positions 2, 3 or 4 of the azabicyclic ring;

- m is an integer ranging from 0 to 8;

- n is an integer ranging from 0 to 4;

- A represents a group chosen from -CH₂-; -CH=CR'-; -CR'=CH-; -CR'R''-; -C(O)-, -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂- and -NR'-, wherein R' and R'', which may be identical or different, are each independently chosen from a hydrogen atom and a straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl group, or R' and R'' together with the atom to which they are attached form a cyclic group;

- B represents a hydrogen atom, or a group chosen from straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl; hydroxy; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkoxy; cyano; nitro; -CH=CR'R''; -C(O)OR'; -OC(O)R'; -SC(O)R'; -C(O)NR'R''; -NR'C(O)OR''; -NR'C(O)NR''; cycloalkyl; phenyl; naphthanelyl; 5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthanelyl; benzo[1,3]dioxolyl; heteroaryl; and heterocyclyl; wherein R' and R'', which may be identical or different, are each independently chosen from a hydrogen atom and a straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl group, or R' and R'' together with the atom to which they are attached form a cyclic group; and

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wherein the cyclic groups represented by B are optionally substituted by one, two or three, identical or different, substituents chosen from halogen; hydroxy; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl; phenyl; -OR'; -SR'; -NR'R"; -NHCOR'; -CONR'R"; -CN; -NO₂; and -COOR'; wherein R' and R" are each independently chosen from a hydrogen atom, or a straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl group, or R' and R" together with the atom to which they are attached form a cyclic group; and

- X⁻ represents a pharmaceutically acceptable anion of a mono or polyvalent acid;

wherein when the cyclic group present in R1 is unsubstituted or has only one substituent, R2 has at least one substituent;

wherein when

- p is 2;

- the carbamate group is attached at position 3 of the azoniabicyclic ring having (3R)-configuration;

- R1 is a phenyl group which is optionally substituted with a fluorine atom or a methyl group;

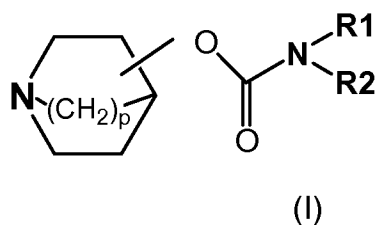
- R2 is an unsubstituted cyclohexylmethyl group or a benzyl group which is optionally substituted with one or three fluorine atoms; and

- X⁻ is iodine;

then, the sequence B-(CH₂)_n-A-(CH₂)_m- cannot be a methyl group;

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or a stereoisomer thereof; or a mixture of stereoisomers thereof, or a mixture of at least one stereoisomer of a compound of formula (II) and at least one stereoisomer of a compound of formula (I)



38. (Canceled).

39. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 36 wherein when R2 is not substituted, the cyclic group present in R1 has at least two substituents.

40. (Canceled).

41. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 36, wherein R1 represents a group chosen from 2-furyl, 3-furyl, 2-thienyl, 3-thienyl, ~~benzyl~~, furan-2-ylmethyl, furan-3-ylmethyl, thiophen-2-ylmethyl; and thiophen-3-ylmethyl; wherein the cyclic group present in R1 is optionally substituted by one, two, or three, identical or different, substituents chosen from halogen; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl; hydroxy; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkoxy; -SH; straight or branched optionally substituted lower alkylthio; nitro; cyano; -NR'R"; -CO₂R'; -C(O)-NR'R"; -N(R'')C(O)-R'; and -N(R'')-C(O)NR'R";

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wherein R', R'' and R''' each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl group or R' and R'' together with the atom to which they are attached form a cyclic group.

42. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 36, wherein R₂ represents an optionally substituted group chosen from lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, saturated or unsaturated cycloalkyl, phenyl, phenethyl, furan-2-ylmethyl, furan-3-ylmethyl, thiophen-2-ylmethyl, thiophen-3-ylmethyl, pyridyl, pyridylmethyl, and a saturated or unsaturated cycloalkylmethyl which has at least one substituent and is chosen from substituted cyclopropylmethyl, substituted cyclobutylmethyl and substituted cyclopentylmethyl;

wherein the substituents of the cyclic group present in R₂ are one, two or three, identical or different, substituents chosen from halogen; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl; hydroxy; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkoxy; -SH; straight or branched optionally substituted lower alkylthio; nitro; cyano; —NR'R''; -CO₂R'; -C(O)-NR'R''; —N(R''')C(O)-R'; and -N(R''')-C(O)NR'R'';

wherein R', R'' and R''' each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl group or R' and R'' together with the atom to which they are attached form a cyclic group.

43. (Canceled)

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44. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 37, wherein the compound is not one of:

- (3R)-3-(Benzylphenylcarbamoyloxy)-1-methyl-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane iodide;

- (3R)-3-[(4-Fluorobenzyl)phenylcarbamoyloxy]-1-methyl-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane iodide;

- (3 R)-3-(Benzyl-o-tolylcarbamoyloxy)-1-methyl-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane iodide

- (3R)-1 -Methyl-3-[o-tolyl-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane iodide;

- (3R)-3-[(4-Fluorobenzyl)-m-tolylcarbamoyloxy]-1-methyl-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane iodide;

- (3R)-3-[Benzyl-(2-fluorophenyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-methyl-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane iodide; or

- (3R)-3-[Cyclohexylmethyl-(2-fluorophenyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-methyl-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane iodide.

45. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 37, wherein R1 represents a group chosen from phenyl, 2-thienyl, 3-thienyl, thiophen-2-ylmethyl, thiophen-3-ylmethyl, furan-2-ylmethyl, and furan-3-ylmethyl, wherein the cyclic group present in R1 is optionally substituted with one, two, or three, identical or different, substituents chosen from fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl, ethyl, tert-butyl, hydroxy, and cyano.

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46. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 45, wherein R1 represents a group chosen from phenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 3-methylphenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 2,5-difluorophenyl, 2,6-difluorophenyl, 2,4,5-trifluorophenyl, 5-methylfuran-2-ylmethyl, 4-fluoro-2-methylphenyl, 3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl, 3-methyl-thiophen-2-ylmethyl, 4,5-dimethyl-thiophen-2-ylmethyl, thiophen-3-ylmethyl, 5-methyl-furan-2-ylmethyl, 5-methyl-2-trifluoromethyl-furan-3-ylmethyl, and 2, 5-dimethyl-furan-3-ylmethyl.

47. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 37, wherein R2 represents a group chosen from pent-4-enyl, pentyl, butyl, allyl, benzyl, thiophen-2-ylmethyl, thiophen-3-ylmethyl, furan-2-ylmethyl, furan-3-ylmethyl, phenethyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, and cyclohexylmethyl, wherein the cyclic group present in R2 is optionally substituted with one, two, or three, identical or different, substituents chosen from fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl, ethyl, tert-butyl, hydroxy, and cyano.

48. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 47, wherein R2 represents a group chosen from 3-fluorobenzyl, 2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl, 3,4,5-trifluorobenzyl, 5-bromothiophen-2-ylmethyl, 3,4-dimethoxyphenylethyl, 3-methylthiophen-2-ylmethyl, thiophen-3-ylmethyl, 4-bromo-5-methylthiophen-2-ylmethyl, 4,5-dimethylfuran-2-ylmethyl, furan-3-ylmethyl, 2-fluoro-4-methoxybenzyl, 2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl, butyl, pent-4-enyl, and cyclopentyl.

49. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 37, wherein

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- A is $\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$;

- m and n are both 0;

- B represents a group chosen from straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl; hydroxy; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkoxy; cyano; nitro; —CH=CR'R'' ; —C(O)OR' ; —OC(O)R ; —SC(O)R' ; —C(O)NR'R'' ; —NR'C(O)OR'' ; —NR'C(O)NR'' ; cycloalkyl; phenyl; naphthanelyl; 5,6,7,8-

tetrahydronaphthanelyl; benzo[1,3]dioxolyl; heteroaryl; and heterocyclyl; and

- R' and R'' are each independently chosen from a hydrogen atom and a straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl group, or R' and R'' together with the atom to which they are attached form a cyclic group;

and wherein the cyclic groups represented by B are optionally substituted by one, two or three, identical or different, substituents chosen from halogen; hydroxyl; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl; phenyl; —OR' ; —SR' ; —NR'R'' ; —NHCOR' ; —CONR'R'' ; —CN , —NO_2 and —COOR' ; wherein R' and R'' are each independently chosen from a hydrogen atom, or a straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl group, or R' and R'' together with the atom to which they are attached form a cyclic group.

50. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 37, wherein

- A is $\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$;

- B represents a hydrogen atom, or a group chosen from straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl; hydroxy; straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkoxy; cyano; nitro; —CH=CR'R'' ; —C(O)OR' ; -

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OC(O)R'; -SC(O)R'; -C(O)NR'R"; -NR'C(O)OR"; -NR'C(O)NR";

cycloalkyl; phenyl; naphthanelyl; 5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthanelyl;

benzo[1,3]dioxolyl; heteroaryl; and heterocyclyl;

wherein R' and R" are each independently chosen from a hydrogen atom and a straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl group, or R' and R"

together with the atom to which they are attached form a cyclic group;

and wherein the cyclic group represented by B is optionally substituted by one,

two or three, identical or different, substituents chosen from halogen; hydroxy;

straight or branched, optionally substituted lower alkyl; phenyl; -OR'; -SR'; -

NR'R"; -NHCOR'; -CONR'R"; -CN; -NO₂; and -COOR'; wherein R' and R" are

each independently chosen from a hydrogen atom, or a straight or branched,

optionally substituted lower alkyl group, or R' and R" together with the atom to

which they are attached form a cyclic group; and

- at least one of m or n is not 0.

51. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 37, wherein B represents a thiophen-2-yl group or a phenyl group which is optionally substituted with one, two, or three, identical or different, substituents chosen from halogen atoms and hydroxy, methyl, -CH₂OH, -OMe, -NMe₂, -NHCOMe, -CONH₂, -CN, -NO₂, -COOMe, and -CF₃ groups.

52. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 51, wherein B represents a group chosen from phenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 3-hydroxyphenyl, and thiophen-2-yl.
53. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 37, wherein $n = 0$ or 1 ; m is an integer ranging from 1 to 6 ; and A represents a group chosen from $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{NMe}-$, $-\text{O}-$, and $-\text{S}-$.
54. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 53, wherein m is an integer equal to 1 , 2 or 3 and A represents a group chosen from $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, and $-\text{O}-$.
55. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 37, wherein $\text{B}-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{A}-(\text{CH}_2)_m-$ represents a group chosen from 3-phenoxypropyl, 2-phenoxyethyl, 3-phenylallyl, phenethyl, 3-phenylpropyl, 3-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)propyl, 3-(4-fluorophenoxy)propyl, 3-thiophen-2-ylpropyl, allyl, heptyl, 3-cyanopropyl, and methyl.
56. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 37, wherein X^- represents anion chosen from chloride, bromide, trifluoroacetate, and methanesulphonate.
57. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 36, wherein p is 2 .
58. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 36, wherein the azabicyclic ring is substituted in the 3-position.

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59. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 58, wherein the carbon at the 3-position of the azabicyclic ring has R configuration.

60. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 58, wherein the carbon at the 3-position of the azabicyclic ring has S configuration.

61. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 36, wherein the compound of formula (I) is a single isomer.

62. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 36, chosen from:

- [2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-(5-methylfuran-2-ylmethyl)carbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester;
- (5-Bromothiophen-2-ylmethyl)-(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl)carbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester;
- (4-Fluoro-2-methylphenyl)-(3-methylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)carbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester;
- (3-Fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)thiophen-3-ylmethylcarbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester
- Thiophen-3-ylmethyl-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)carbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester;
- (4-Bromo-5-methylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)-(3-methylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)carbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester;
- (4, 5-Dimethylfuran-2-ylmethyl)-(5-methylfuran-2-ylmethyl)carbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester;

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- Furan-3-ylmethyl-(5-methyl-2-trifluoromethylfuran-3-ylmethyl)carbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester;
- (2,5-Dimethylfuran-3-ylmethyl)-(2-fluoro-4-methoxybenzyl)carbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester;
- [2-(4-Fluorophenyl)ethyl]-(3-methylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)carbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester;
- Butyl-(2, 5-difluorophenyl)carbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester;
- (2,6-Difluorophenyl)pent-4-enylcarbamic acid (3R)-1-aza-bicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester;
- Cyclopentyl-(4,5-dimethylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)carbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester; and
- (5-Ethylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)-(3-methylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)carbamic acid (3R)-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl ester.

63. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim ~~36~~37, chosen from:

- (3R)-3-[(3-Fluorobenzyl)-(3-fluorophenyl)carbamoxyloxy]-1-(2-phenoxyethyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bromide;
- (3R)-3-[(3-Fluorobenzyl)-(3-fluorophenyl)carbamoxyloxy]-1-(3-phenylpropyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bromide;
- (3R)-1-(2-Phenoxyethyl)-3-[m-tolyl-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)carbamoxyloxy]-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bromide;
- (3R)-1-(3-Phenylpropyl)-3-[m-tolyl-(2,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)carbamoxyloxy]-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bromide;

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- (3R)-3-[(3-Fluorophenyl)-(3,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-(2-phenoxyethyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bromide;
- (3R)-1-Allyl-3-[[2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-(5-methylfuran-2-ylmethyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bromide;
- (3R)-3-[(5-Bromothiophen-2-ylmethyl)-(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-(3-phenoxypropyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane trifluoroacetate;
- (3R)-3-[[2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-(5-methylfuran-2-ylmethyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-(4-ethoxycarbonylbutyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane trifluoroacetate;
- (3R)-3-[(4-Fluoro-2-methylphenyl)-(3-methylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-(2-phenoxyethyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane trifluoroacetate;
- (3R)-3-[(3-Fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)thiophen-3-ylmethylcarbamoyloxy]-1-(3-phenylallyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane trifluoroacetate;
- (3R)-1-Phenethyl-3-[thiophen-3-ylmethyl-(2,4, 5-trifluorobenzyl)carbamoyloxyl]-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane trifluoroacetate;
- (3R)-3-[(4-Bromo-5-methylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)-(3-methylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-(3-phenylpropyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane trifluoroacetate;
- (3R)-3-[(4,5-Dimethylfuran-2-ylmethyl)-(5-methylfuran-2-ylmethyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-[3-(3-hydroxyphenoxy)propyl]-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane trifluoroacetate;
- (3R)-1-[3-(4-Fluorophenoxy)propyl]-3-[furan-3-ylmethyl-(5-methyl-2-

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trifluoromethylfuran-3-ylmethyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane

trifluoroacetate;

- (3R)-3-[(2,5-Dimethylfuran-3-ylmethyl)-(2-fluoro-4-

methoxybenzyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-(3-thiophen-2-ylpropyl)-1-

azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane trifluoroacetate;

- (3R)-1-Allyl-3-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl]-(3-methylthiophen-2-

ylmethyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane trifluoroacetate;

- (3R)-3-[Butyl-(2,5-difluorophenyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-heptyl-1-

azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane trifluoroacetate;

- (3R)-1-(3-cyanopropyl)-3-[(2,6-difluorophenyl)pent-4-enylcarbamoyloxy]-1-

azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane trifluoroacetate;

- (3R)-3-[Cyclopentyl-(4,5-dimethylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-methyl-

1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane trifluoroacetate;

- (3R)-3-[(3-Fluorophenyl)-(3,4,5-trifluorobenzyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-(3-

phenylpropyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bromide;

- (3R)-3-[(5-Ethylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)-(3-methylthiophen-2-

ylmethyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-(3-phenylpropyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane

bromide;

- (3R)-3-[[2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-(5-methylfuran-2-

ylmethyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-(4-ethoxycarbonylbutyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane

formate;

- (3R)-3-[(4-Fluoro-2-methylphenyl)-(3-methylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)carbamoyloxy]-

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- 1-(2-phenoxyethyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bromide;
- (3R)-3-[(3-Fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)thiophen-3-ylmethylcarbamoyloxy]-1-(3-phenylallyl)-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bromide; and
- (3R)-1-Allyl-3-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl]-(3-methylthiophen-2-ylmethyl)carbamoyloxy]-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bromide.

64. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound of Claim 36, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

65-79. (Canceled).

80. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound of Claim 37, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent."

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 36-37, 39, 41-42, 44-64, and 80 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 36-64 were rejected under Obvious Double Patenting over the claims 1-19 of the Buil Albero et al. US 7208501 in the previous office action and the rejection is withdrawn in light of applicant's amendment faxed to the examiner on date 06/02/2008. The amendment includes "wherein when the cyclic group present in R1 is unsubstituted or has only one substituent, R2 has at least one substituent", which obviates the Obvious Double Patenting.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no late than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Niloofar Rahmani whose telephone number is 571-272-4329. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

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